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The reply brief filed 5/24/00 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Regarding the appellant's remarks pertaining to the Examiner's Official Notice that "...the term burst is notoriously well known and is used when dealing with variable bit rate (VBR) traffic" (paper no. 5, pages 4-5), A seasonable challenge constitutes a demand for evidence made as soon as practicable during prosecution (MPEP § 2144.03). Thus, it is the Examiner's position that simply stating "Applicant specifically traverses the Examiner's characterization of the term bursts" (paper no. 6, page 3) did not amount to actually traversing the Official Notice itself and certainly was not equivalent to a demand for evidence. Furthermore, there was no mention of this argument in the Appellant's Brief.

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